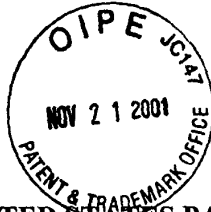


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RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In the Office Action dated September 21, 2001, paper 14, the Examiner required a species election. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group 13, claims 40-42 drawn to  $\alpha$ -1-antitrypsin and Retrovir, with traverse. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-45 are presently pending in the application. Claims 1-30 and 43-45 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner as being drawn to non-elected subject matter. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Response to Species Election

In the Office Action mailed September 21, 2001, the Examiner required an election of "a specific compound (encompassed by Group 13) which exhibits AAT activity or AAT-like activity". Applicant respectfully traverses this election of species requirement. However, to be